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(ix) The original DA Form 3975 and other pertinent documents will be sent to the Director, USACRC. The DA Form 4833 must include the commander's action taken, to include the Commander, Personnel Control Facility, or other commander who takes action based on the desertion charge.

§ 635.27 Vehicle Registration System.

The Vehicle Registration System (VRS) is a module within COPS. Use of VRS to register vehicles authorized access to Army installations is mandated in AR 190-5. Within VRS there are various tabs for registration of vehicles authorized access to an installation, to include personal data on the owner of the vehicle. There are also tabs for registering weapons, bicycles, and pets. Information on individuals barred entry to an installation is also maintained within VRS.

§ 635.28 Domestic violence and Protection Orders.

(a) Responding to incidents of spouse abuse requires a coordinated effort by law enforcement, medical, and social work personnel, to include sharing information and records as permitted by law and regulation. AR 608-18 contains additional information about domestic violence and protective orders.

(b) Appendix C of AR 190-45 includes specific offense codes for domestic violence. All domestic violence incidents will be reported to the local PMO. All reported domestic violence incidents will be entered into MPRS, utilizing DA Form 3975. These codes will be utilized in addition to any other offense code that may be appropriate for an incident. For example, a soldier strikes his or her spouse. When entering the offense data into MPRS, both the offense code for assault (*i.e.*, 5C2B) and the offense code for spouse abuse (from the 5D6 series) will be entered.

(c) A military Protection Order is a written lawful order issued by a commander that orders a soldier to avoid contact with his or her spouse or children. Violations of a military Protection Order must be reported on DA Form 3975, entered into COPS, and entered into NCIC. Violations of a military Protection Order may be violations of Article 92, UCMJ. The com-

mander should provide a written copy of the order within 24 hours of its issuance to the person with whom the member is ordered not to have contact. A copy should be forwarded to the installation Family Advocacy Program Manager (FAPM), the Chief, Social Work Service, and the installation military police.

(d) A civilian Protection Order is an order issued by a judge, magistrate or other authorized civilian official, ordering an individual to avoid contact with his or her spouse or children. Pursuant to the Armed Forces Domestic Security Act a civilian protection order has the same force and effect on a military installation as such order has within the jurisdiction of the court that issued the order. Violations of a civilian Protection Order must be reported on DA Form 3975, entered into COPS, and entered into NCIC.

§ 635.29 Establishing domestic violence Memoranda of Understanding.

(a) Coordination between military law enforcement personnel and local civilian law enforcement personnel is essential to improve information sharing, especially concerning domestic violence investigations, arrests, and prosecutions involving military personnel. Provost Marshals or other law enforcement officials shall seek to establish formal Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) with their civilian counterparts to establish or improve the flow of information between their agencies, especially in instances of domestic violence involving military personnel. MOUs can be used to clarify jurisdictional issues for the investigation of incidents, to define the mechanism whereby local law enforcement reports involving active duty service members will be forwarded to the appropriate installation law enforcement office, to encourage the local law enforcement agency to refer victims of domestic violence to the installation Family Advocacy office or victim advocate, and to foster cooperation and collaboration between the installation law enforcement agency and local civilian agencies.

(b) MOUs should address the following issues:

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(1) A general statement of the purpose of the MOU.

(2) An explanation of jurisdictional issues that affect respective responsibilities to and investigating incidents occurring on and off the installation. This section should also address jurisdictional issues when a civilian order of protection is violated on military property (see 10 U.S.C. 1561a).

(3) Procedures for responding to domestic violence incidents that occur on the installation involving a civilian alleged offender.

(4) Procedures for transmitting incident/investigation reports and other law enforcement information on domestic violence involving active duty service members from local civilian law enforcement agencies to the installation law enforcement office.

(5) Procedures for transmitting civilian protection orders (CPOs) issued by civilian courts or magistrates involving active duty service members from local law enforcement agencies to the installation law enforcement office.

(6) Designation of the title of the installation law enforcement recipient of such information from the local law enforcement agency.

(7) Procedures for transmitting military protection orders (MPOs) from the installation law enforcement office to the local civilian law enforcement agency with jurisdiction over the area in which the service member resides.

(8) Designation of the title of the local law enforcement agency recipient of domestic violence and CPO information from the installation law enforcement agency.

(9) Respective responsibilities for providing information to domestic violence victims regarding installation resources when either the victim or the alleged offender is an active duty service member.

(10) Sharing of information and facilities during the course of an investigation in accordance with the Privacy Act of 1974 (see 5 U.S.C. section 552a(b)(7)).

(11) Regular meetings between the local civilian law enforcement agency and the installation law enforcement office to review cases and MOU procedures.

§ 635.30 Lost, abandoned, or unclaimed property.

This is personal property that comes into the possession, custody, or control of the Army and is unclaimed by the owner. Property is considered to be abandoned only after diligent effort has been made to determine and locate its owner, the heir, next of kin, or legal representative. A military person who is ordered overseas and is unable to dispose of their personal property should immediately notify their chain-of-command. The commander will appoint a board to rule on the disposition of the property. If a law enforcement agency takes custody of the property it will be tagged and a record made as shown in paragraph (a) of this section. A report will be made to the installation commander who will take action in accordance with DOD 4160.21-M, chapter 4, paragraph 40, Defense Materiel Disposition Manual. Pending board action under DOD 4160.21-M, the law enforcement agency having physical custody is responsible for the safekeeping of seized property. The following procedures should be used:

(a) Property will be tagged using DA Form 4002 (Evidence/Property Tag) or clearly identified by other means, inventoried, and made a matter of record. These records are kept by the custodian of the property.

(b) Lost, abandoned, or unclaimed property will be kept in a room or container separate from one used to store property held as evidence. Records or logs of property not held as evidence will be separated from those pertaining to evidence. However, all property will be tagged, accounted for, and receipted for in a similar manner as evidence.

(c) Property that has been properly identified through board action under DOD 4160.21-M as having an owner will be segregated and tagged with the name of that person.

(d) Abandoned or unclaimed property will be held until its status can be determined. In many instances, lost property can be returned to the owner upon presentation of proof of ownership.

(e) In all cases, a receipt should be obtained at time of release.